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SHE SAW THE POPE.

An American Girl's Interview with "His Holiness."

She Called Him "Mon Pere," and Didn't Give Him a Single Title—A Blessing and and a Gift.

[Washington Star.]

A gentle, winning, and brave little American girl who is traveling in Europe, caring devotedly for her invalid father, a retired naval officer, writes to a lady friend in Washington, giving the following bright and ingenuous description of an interview she succeeded in getting with the pope:

"And what more?" Monsignor Macchi asked, but with such a genial smile that I was encouraged to tell him I wanted your cruzifix blessed specially, and I did so want the holy father to say a word to me! He laughed, but very kindly asked me all about myself; I said I was American Catholic from my birth; papa a naval officer, a convert; and we were to leave Rome the next day. He said the holy father was much fatigued, but he would see, and, if at all possible, I should have the pleasure I longed for, but not to be disappointed if I were refused; but I must wait a while longer. I answered I could wait ever so long, and patiently enough. Special audiences, you know, mean several people who kneel about, and the pope goes round and speaks to each one, and this, I thought, was the way I would have my pleasure, and while I was regretting I could not get more, monsignor sent for me, and I was led through more grand rooms to one wherein I found waiting the lady from whom I got my idea of special audience. So, my dear friend, I had the satisfaction to know she had not got very far beyond me. She left the room, and I amused myself watching the three ladies who were waiting their turn. When, Imagine—my dear, imagine—I was the second one called, and before I coul realize I had been called, I was in the room with our "high priest."

He sat at one end of the apartment, all in white, and looked so benignly at me while, in few words, monsignor made the introduction of the little American girl, who wanted his holiness to say a word to her. Then he left. The holy father smiled and looked so gracious that my fears vanished, and in a moment I was on my knees at his side, and alone with him. I don't know if I fulfilled a single point of etiquette. I am sure I only called him "Mon Pere," and didn't give him a single title. I could think of nothing formal. I knelt there half leaning on his knee, on which I said my rosaries. In my left hand I held your crucifix, and in my right I clasped his dear hand, which I might kiss at will, while his soft, beautiful, keen eyes seemed to read my soul. He asked me all about myself, and dear pa, and mamma, and my home, and my pleasures, and looked distressed when I told him of the trouble which ever grieves me. He said he would pray for each and every one, then gave your crucifix a special blessing, laying his hand on it and my precious little cross, gave me a benediction with both hands on my head, and then, with a wave of his hand, and a sweet smile, dismissed me; but before I went many steps he called me, and sent particular blessing to papa.

I did not come out of the room at all in the proper way, for, instead of courtesying myself out, I turned and dropped on my knees in the middle of the room, when he again blessed me, and then, with my head up and my eyes full of tears, I ran out, and I don't believe the holy father liked it any the less, for monsignor chided me as I passed to wait, and went into the pope's apartment, from whence he hastily came carrying a silver medal, which he pressed into my hand, looking very, very pleased as he told me the holy father sent it, with a blessing, for my very own. This is my proof that I have not dreamed all this, and the precious gift to the little American girl hangs on my rosary, a souvenir of a visit to be remembered while I live. I did have sense enough left to thank the chamberlains, one and all, as I passed, for their courtesy, and get down stairs and out into the open air, reaching home at 11, and if all the happiness had been mine.

More Trees, or Less?

[The Current.]

On the recent "Arbor Day" in the Dominion of Canada, there was planted in the provinces of Quebec over 150,000 trees. The injunctions of the Forestry association seem to be heeded in Quebec as well as in some of our own states where an "Arbor Day" is observed. Of course, the country is told by the forest-planting enthusiasts that North America will speedily become a Sahara, if people do not turn out and plant trees and sing "Woodman spare that tree!" The lumbermen tell a different story, and the timber really seems to hold out in spite of the statistics of the Forestry association. A correspondent of The Quebec Chronicle is bold enough to confront his tree-planting brethren with the assertion that forests should not be planted because they have a very "deleterious effect upon the climate."

Further he says: "A wooded country is almost invariably a wet country, and as we have quite enough moisture and humidity now, I question if it is wise to increase the supply by the growth of more trees! We see countries with much drier climates than ours, and not near so cold, clearing their forests; Italy, by cutting down the Appennine woods, has wonderfully improved its climate, and Germany, owing to the clearing away of its dense forests has obtained a similar blessing. In our extremely cold country we need a dry, bracing atmosphere to render it fit to live in, and we should move cautiously in covering the ground with trees, as thereby we prevent the sun's rays from falling directly on the soil." It is profitable to hear both sides on every question. There are extremists in the matter of tree planting and in the matter of tree cutting. We certainly do not want too many trees, but that many of them are necessary for climate and agricultural and sanitary purposes, as well as for commercial purposes, is very evident.

The Doctrine of Free Will.

[Detroit Free Press.]

In one of the Philippine islands it is customary, when a young fellow asks the old folks for their daughter, to send her into the woods at sunrise, and if the lover finds her before sunset she is his. If not he forfeits all claim. The girl is given one hour the start. This gives her a fair chance, and she can use her own judgment about hiding after she gets in the woods.

Just What It Is.

[New York Graphic.]

A western paper says: "Mr. Meeker, of Argo, Col., has a duck that laid an egg with a nickel embedded in the yolk." This is not a freak of nature. It is a California newspaper lie.

To the Same Old Tune.

[Utica Observer.]

The old song used to be "See that my grave is kept green. If the cremation movement increases in strength the new ballad will be, "See that my urn is kept dry."

CANADIAN NEWS.

Deposits in Post Office Savings Bank.

POSTAL TREATY ARRANGED.

Thousand Island Prospects—Charitable Grants—Experimental Farms —Bicycle Accident.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER ACCIDENT.

Two hundred and sixty eight horses from Montana have been seized at Calgary for violation of the Custom law.

The Quebec government has notified the clerks in the railway department that their services will be dispensed with.

Narcisse Dionne, of St. Giles Lotbiniere, has given $10,000 in Quebec city bonds to the church and curate of that parish. Hon George Couture, of Levis, has given $7000 to the Sisters of Charity of that place and this city and other institutions.

All the arrangements between France and Canada for a postal treaty have been completed, and the papers only await the signature of the French Foreign Secretary to be effective. It is expected the final step will be taken shortly.

Mr. Sheriff Joncas, of Gaspe, late Canadian Commissioner to the great International Fisheries Exhibition, has accepted an invitation to read a paper on the fisheries of Canada at the meeting of the British Association in Montreal in August.

G. H. Orr, one of the fastest bicycle riders in Toronto, while practising on the Rosedale track Tuesday evening, met with a severe accident which may keep him confined for a couple of weeks. While making a spurt he slipped his pedal and struck the ground on his elbows and knees, displacing one of his knee-caps.

The Thousand Island business has commenced fully one month earlier than during any previous year, and already steamers are taking large crowds down the river. Never since the islands were occupied have the prospects been so bright. It is thought that this season's business will be by far the largest on record.

During the month of May the deposits in the post office savings bank were $525,199, and the withdrawals $522,329.09. For a similar period in 1883 the deposits were $525,203, and the withdrawals $482,924. The balance to the credit of depositors on the 31st May, 1883, was $11,433,937, and on the 31st May last $12,580,222.91, or an increase of $1,146,285.91.

The Rev. James McMullen, of Staffordshire, England, who represents a number of the most influential agricultural papers in England, and who is at present visiting the Northwest, specially to report on the country, in a letter says: "Your experimental farms are doing well, and I am more than pleased with what I saw. I believe that the Northwest will eventually be the seat of one of the greatest nations the world has yet seen, and that will be the subject of my report when I reach England."

A man calling himself John H. Craig, hailing from Ontario, and representing himself as a commercial traveller, also a man calling himself Joseph Auger, hailing from Manchester, N. H., were brought before A. G. Woodward, J.P., Sherwood, Q., charged with obtaining money from travellers under false pretences. They operated between Sherbrooke and Richmond, and made use of the usual bogus cheques and money bonds. They were held for examination.

Wednesday afternoon, acting on a coroner's warrant, detectives visited Mount Pleasant cemetery and exhumed the remains of an infant about a year old, the child of a Mrs. Crane, who recently served a term in jail for larceny. It is alleged that she neglected the child, and that from neglect and hunger it died on the 11th inst, and was buried on the certificate of Dr. Jarvis, of London east. An inquest was opened yesterday at the Central police station, but no evidence being ready an adjournment was made until Friday evening. The mother is the same person who was fed with such luxuries as oysters, sardines, grapes, etc., by the late relief officer, Lee.

Application has been made to the Customs Department to allow the importation of an article called tea dust. An analysis of this article shows it to be composed of particles of tea, a plentiful admixture of sand, and other ingredients. The people of Canada do not use that sort of stuff any more than the people of the United States, the authorities in which country refused to allow it to be entered there for consumption. The Inland Revenue Department decided that the article was deleterious to the public health. It will accordingly be left out in the cold and not admitted into Canada.

The steamer Alexandria struck a rock in the Lachine Rapids in the St. Lawrence, as she was coming to Montreal with about twenty passengers, some of whom were terribly alarmed, while others stood the shock bravely. A large hole was stove in the steamer's side, through which the water flowed with great rapidity, threatening every minute to swamp the vessel before getting out of the dangerous and swift current, in which an expert swimmer even would have no chance for his life. When getting to the bottom of the rapids the fires were drowned out, but fortunately the steamer floated on a reef, where she stuck fast, and the passengers and hands, about thirty in all, were safely landed. The escape under such thrilling circumstances was a very narrow one.

The latest victim of sharpers who make a practice of always coming to the races at Montreal from across the border is Mr. James McShane, M. P. P. While attending the meeting at Blue Bonnet's, a party standing at Mr. McShane's side inside the enclosure found a gold ring on the ground, and asked the latter if it were his. Mr. McShane immediately recognized it as having been on the chain of his watch, and on searching his pocket he discovered that his watch, that had cost him five hundred dollars, had vanished. The scoundrel has not been traced, and is doubtless across the border by this time.

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In about two years we fully expect to see the completion of Canada's great national enterprise—the Canadian Pacific railway. The completion of this gigantic undertaking will be hailed with delight by the people of this Province. Much is expected from its completion. When the iron steed can make a run on Canadian territory, under one management, the change brought about will be so great that a new epoch in our history will be entered upon. It has been long in coming, but now that the company have a sufficiency of capital wherewith to finish the line, we have full faith in its ability and integrity to lose no time in closing up the gaps. Since the present management obtained control of the undertaking they have displayed an amount of energy that has seldom, if ever, been equalled anywhere. This energy and tact has not been confined alone to railway building. In the matter of advertising the great Northwest, laying out their experimental towns, cities and townsites, building of wharves, improving harbors and water ways, the same restless energy has characterized all its undertakings. In its westward march its influence has been felt at every point. Behold the magic-like change that has come over the boundless prairies of the Northwest. Where naught but a howling wilderness existed two years ago is to be found to-day either a bustling city or a busy town. The prairies are studded with the homes of thousands who came from all parts of the world in the hope of bettering their condition. This transformation will follow the line through the Rockies, across the great bend of the Columbia, on the banks of which will arise cities and towns of great importance in consequence of the many mining and lumbering camps, whose trade will be tributary to these places. The vast areas of fertile lands in the valleys of the Nicola, the Okanagan, the Shuswap, Spellamacheen and the Kootenay will be thickly populated and every available acre brought under thorough cultivation. The vast mineral resources in the upper country will be thoroughly developed. Foreign as well as local capital will flow hither from all parts, so that the eastern portion of this Province will become a scene of great activity and prosperity. On the coast an equally satisfactory condition of affairs is certain to exist. Port Moody being the declared terminus, both the government and the syndicate will have to expend a vast amount of capital in the erection of terminal buildings—and they will be of no mean order, if the course adopted elsewhere is followed here—involving the expenditure of millions, in wharves, immense warehouses and public buildings. Everything points to an immense trade being done by the company and its foreign connections. These improvements will occupy years in their completion; and as large sums of public moneys are to be expended, it follows that it will get into circulation and thus benefit the entire Province. There should be no time lost by our people now to be prepared for the great revolution that is as certain to take place here as it did elsewhere in Canada where railways were introduced.

The Rev. Father Chiniqey was mobbed in Quebec a few evenings since. The reverend gentleman is a convert from a Roman Catholic to a Presbyterian.

The immigration returns show a slight decrease as compared with a corresponding period of last year, of those who entered Canada.

BANK MEETINGS.

The annual meetings of the banking and loaning institutions of Canada have been held during the early part of this month. No truer indicator to the state of trade can be found than the statements submitted at those meetings by the managers to their shareholders. We find that in consequence of the unfavorable harvest in Ontario and Manitoba last year that a policy of curtailment and retrenchment was enforced. This will continue to be the course followed until a decided turn for the better takes place. The failures of old, and hitherto considered responsible houses is a peculiar feature of the year's operations. The losses, however, were not heavy. It is pleasing to note that Canada banks escaped the terrific surging that engulfed so many of New York's Wall street kings, with but little loss. The prospects of Manitoba and the Northwest are spoken of highly and the opinion expressed that in a year or two that immense region will be on the wave of prosperity once more and then a permanency in values will be established. Everything considered the banks are pleased with the year's operations.

In connection with the foregoing it may be interesting to learn something about the government's gold reserve and bills in circulation: The consideration of the condition of the Banks and the Government as an issuer of paper naturally leads to some enquiry concerning the demand which it is said the Federal Bank made on the Government to redeem $650,000. We observe that great pains are taken to satisfy the public that the manager of the Bank had no difficulty with the Government. There was no reason why there should be any trouble or difficulty. The Government requested the Banks not to press the demand for gold, and in some cases such request could not safely be disregarded. The Federal Bank was able to show that it was absolutely independent, and to press its demand. Under such circumstances the Government could only find the gold or close their doors. Fortunately they were not reduced to this extremity. The gold was paid over. It would be interesting to know whether this was done before or after May 31st. If immediately after, the reserve must have been reduced to an extent really alarming. The banks held very nearly as much specie in May as in April, but there was a marked reduction in the amount of Dominion notes held by them. In April these amounted to $12,078,345. In May they were reduced to $10,768,321. The reduction was over $1,300,000. On May 31st, when the specie which the law required to be held was $2,353,002, the amount actually held was only $1,889,447. We need not say how very wrong and even dangerous it was to bring matters to such a pass. On that day the Government had nearly half a million dollars on the way from England, but the reserve actually in Canada was dangerously small. The loans made by the Banks to Governments and individuals were in May $166,387,930, an increase of over $880,000.

Important changes have recently been made in the internal management of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada, extending from Portland, Me., to Chicago, from Niagara Falls to Detroit and Sarnia, and from Buffalo to Goderich. The old officials have all been retained, but changed in positions.

TELEGRAPHIC.

The Presbyterian Council in Ireland.

WANTS A PUBLIC APOLOGY.

California Matters---Excitement on Change---A Big Loss of Logs.

COOS BAY TRADE.

PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL IN IRELAND.

BELFAST, June 27.—The Presbyterian Council devoted part of the day to the consideration of missionary matters. Ministers from various reformed churches on the continent spoke of a feeling to favor the cause, and expressed the hope that the conference would meet in Paris before many years. After Dr. Breed had presented his report the Alliance adopted the resolution. The council was specially gratified at the report, and approved of efforts being made to raise £50,000 in behalf of ancient Moravian and Bohemian churches. The council heard with lively satisfaction the statement concerning the condition of churches in Europe and America, and asked in their behalf for the general support and prayers of the stronger churches of the Alliance.

THE CHOLERA GROWS WORSE.

MARSEILLES, June 27.—There is a fright from cholera now amounting to a panic. A child aged 13 months and a youth of 17 years died to-day from cholera. The boy contracted the disease at school in Toulon. The ambulance system to convey cholera patients to the hospital has been under the superintendence of the renowned Dr. Mitire, who believes the malady is really Asiatic cholera. The American consul here has been ordered by his government to cable the daily progress of the disease.

FOR THE COOS BAY TRADE.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—The Union iron works has recently secured the contract from the Newport Coal Company, of this city, to construct a steamer to register between 700 and 800 tons, and it will carry 1000 tons of coal, and have 12½ feet of draught. She is to have first class accommodations for thirty-two cabin passengers, and will be used in the coal trade between this port and Coos Bay.

COLTON VS. CENTRAL & S. P. R. R.

SANTA ROSA, June 28.—Plaintiff in the Colton trial, now in progress here, has filed a petition in the Supreme Court of Sonoma county, praying for the appointment of a receiver for the Central & Southern Pacific railroads. The petition sets forth the fact of the bringing of suit against the defendants, and then make allegation that since the suit was commenced, defendants have intentionally pursued a policy which has led to a great depreciation in the market value of the companies' securities. It is charged that the intent of this policy was so to affect the assets of these companies, that if the case was decided against defendants, they would be able to plead inability to satisfy the judgments. The defence is given ten days in which to show cause why petition should not be granted.

A NEW STEAMER FOR THE SOUND.

It is rumored that the O. R. & N. Co.'s steamer San Pueblo, which arrived here a few days ago from China, will, after another trip to that country, be put on the line between there and Puget Sound, in place of the ill-fated steam collier Tacoma. Capt. Hayward, of the steamship Geo. W. Elder, will soon take command of the steamship Mariposa, now running to Honolulu, vice Capt. Golding.

A BIG LOSS OF LOGS.

The tug Escort, which left Coos Bay on the 20th with five rafts of piles and logs in tow, arrived in port to-day without the raft. On Monday when about twenty miles southwest of Port Orford a heavy sea was encountered, resulting in the rafts going to pieces, and after towing the gear some time it was cut loose, only eighteen fathoms being saved. The lost logs contained about 1,000,000 feet of lumber.

CANADIAN EXCITEMENT ON 'CHANGE.

TORONTO, June 27.—The Federal bank stock opened at 84 and ran down to 67½. There is wild excitement on 'Change. All sorts of rumors are afloat, one being that the Montreal and Merchants' bank are coming to the assistance of the Federal bank, should a run take place.

PUBLIC APOLOGY DEMANDED.

PARIS, June 27.—It is reported that Admiral Courbett will demand a public apology of China as well as indemnity for the violation of the treaty at Langoon.

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WANTED.—Position as barkeeper or hotel clerk by an experienced man. Alpha, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Fort street.

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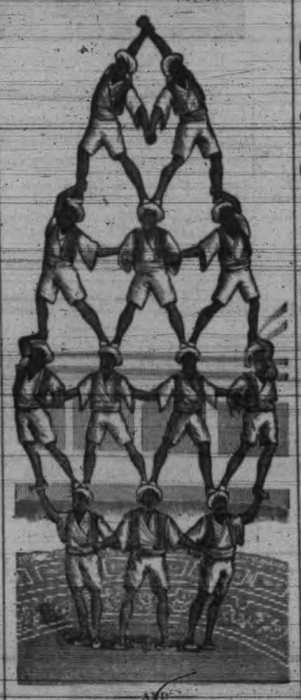

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LOCAL NEWS.

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A DEFECTIVE MAIL SYSTEM.

Citizens Checkmated---Honolulu Finances---A Contractor Gone---Entertaining Lecture---Cargo of Salmon.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY NOTES.

Valuable for the Ladies.

The liberality of the committee of management who have the arrangement of all the details connected with the Caledonian Society, on July 6th, is worthy of special notice. Besides providing a long list of interesting games, the winners of which are to receive handsome prizes, they have provided an extra inducement, especially for ladies, in the shape of a grand lottery. Each lady receives a ticket on entering which entitles her to draw for a magnificent diamond ring; or a handsome set broach and earrings; a fine baby carriage; a lady's companion; dressing case; an elegant brocaded parasol; a lady's hand bag, all of which can now be seen on exhibition at the White House. Be sure and examine them.

Many Steamers and Visitors.

Quite a large number of people arrived in this city this afternoon from the various outside towns in the vicinity. The visitors are from New Westminster, Seattle, Tacoma, Nanaimo, and other Sound towns than the two mentioned. There are now many boats plying to and from this port, and fares are greatly reduced. Yesterday of the two steamers now arriving from Nanaimo, one charged but 25 cents as fare and the other nothing at all. These steamers arrived this afternoon, as did also the Geo. E. Starr and Eliza Anderson from the Sound, the Western Slope from Nanaimo, and the Lotta from San Juan Island. The steamer Princess Louise also returned from Uncle Frank's cove.

Arrived for Chinook Salmon.

The bark Harvest Home, Captain Wm. Williams, 137 days out from Liverpool, with a general cargo of freight for W. Ch Rithet & Co., of this city, arrived in port here last night, and now lies at the wharf of the said firm. The first day out from Liverpool one of her sailors was washed overboard and drowned. She had a pleasant trip and light weather most of the time. One month, however, in the vicinity of Cape Horn, was somewhat rough. She had light trades all the way. She will discharge freights and wait for Chinook salmon, of which she proposes to take a full cargo.

Additional Letter Boxes.

The repairs in the postoffice building are being steadily pushed ahead, and the prospects now are that the additional drawers and boxes will be ready in a few days. The room previously occupied as a money order department has been made to form a part of the general office, and 16 large boxes and 500 smaller ones will be put in, in addition to the ones formerly in use. This will give the clerks a much better chance, both for sorting and delivering the mail, and will be a great convenience for those who have been unable to secure boxes formerly.

A Useful Book.

The directory of the city of Victoria and British Columbia, for 1883-3, by Mr. R. T. Williams, has been received at this office. Most readers of this paper are doubtless familiar with this work, but to those who are not, it may be stated that the aim of the work has been to comprise the names of all the residents not only of this city, but of every other town in the Province. In addition to this there is also a great deal of information of a miscellaneous sort, a map of the Province, and other features that make the book a valuable and almost indispensable compendium.

The Water Works Question.

At nearly every meeting of the City Council lately complaints have been made about the unsatisfactory working of the city water works. The mayor and council are now at work trying to perfect a scheme for the remedy of the evil. Last evening a meeting of the committee was held at which several of the prominent engineers and architects were present, and after some discussion it was deemed advisable to adjourn and allow Mr. Hendry, engineer of the water works department to present his view in writing so that more thorough discussion could be had.

New Dwelling.

The contract was signed yesterday for the erection of a residence, 50x30 feet in size, for D. Lenevue, Esq., in James Bay ward. On the ground floor will be a drawing room 16x16 feet in size, a dining room 16x1- feet, kitchen 16x1-, library 16x1-, and a sewing room and conservatory. Upstairs there will be five bedrooms, with baths, dressing rooms, etc. The building will be well finished and will present a very fine appearance. Messrs. Harris & Hargreaves are the architects and Lamb & Hurd are the contractors.

Steamer Mexico.

There are still no signs of steamer the Mexico. The steamer Princess Louise, with an excursion party aboard, sailed around her this morning two or three times. The bands played, whistles blew, and the passengers exchanged greetings. The Dolphin has got off the last lot of fruit and vegetables. It is supposed that a great many of our citizens will sail out to the steamer to-morrow.

The Day's Festivities.

This being Coronation Day a large number of the citizens are keeping it as a holiday. A large amount of bunting is displayed by the different vessels in the harbor and on a number of the buildings in the city. The public offices, banks and a number of the stores are closed, and the clerks and managers are taking rest and vacation.

At the Target.

The members of the School of Gunnery were practising this afternoon at Finlayson Point Battery, Beacon Hill. Shrapnel and solid shot were used at targets floating on the water, and some excellent shooting was done. A number of spectators on the bank applauded the gunners when a shot was made which was closer than usual.

A Contractor Reported Gone.

It is currently reported around town that a prominent contractor left rather unexpectedly this morning. A number of his creditors are strong in the hope that the report is not true.

BETTER POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Urgent Demand for Them in Victoria and Throughout the Province.

Victoria has become vain enough in these latter years to imagine that she is progressive. Some of her citizens have been labouring in her behalf in a calling that she occupies a very important place in the affairs of the world, and without becoming boastful must surely go wrong in intercommunications. Just how the good people never got this idea to document seemeth not, and perhaps, was the situation of affairs rightly understood, would be ashamed to say much, especially in some very essential particulars. For instance, and as this city is, with her 12,000 or more people is a permanent population, her daily newspapers, enurerics, schools, and her captious and critical ideas about the stage, has not without as much enterprise concerning business as the wildest and rudest mining camp. In all the years that have gone she has never had anything at all adequate in the way of mail facilities. Think of it. Victoria, with the large and substantial population before named, and a mail to outside points only three times a week. Way when we think of what is being done in the busy world around us, the strides of progress that every other city on the coast has taken in this respect the veriest

THE VERY ESSENCE OF VANDALISM

Among us is astounded at the present situation of affairs, and the wonder is that the city has endured it so long, if she could possibly help herself, without making some bold move to better her condition. Although we have steamer every day to the Sound cities, connecting with the Northern Pacific railroad at Tacoma, we have mails but six times a fortnight. There are some peculiarly disadvantageous phases of the mail system here also, which need the immediate attention of the postal authorities. If a Victoria business man's mail, for example, should arrive here, for outside points, by 7 o'clock on the Thursday evening, he will have no further opportunity of sending it to the outside public till the next Monday morning. And this a place

PRETENDING TO BE A PLACE,

With such facilities! The mail system, so far as convenience is concerned, and adaptability to the public demands would put to shame the veriest novice, not to speak of the Greshams who have time to look up the benefits of fast mail trains. It is time that something was done to relieve us. We have business to transact oftentimes, which should not be delayed, when to delay frequently works permanent injury of a dire character. We are deserving of something better, and ought to have it. It is doubtful if in any other civilized city of the same age and size in the two hemispheres, there is so much laxity and inefficiency shown as in this capital of the Province of British Columbia.

PERSONAL.

Capt. Wm. Clemouts, of the steamship Wilmington, accompanied by Mrs. Clements and Miss Maggie Kirran, are expected to arrive here this evening from the Sound, where they have been visiting friends.

Mrs. G. B. Wright, wife of Manager Wright, of the Columbia & Kootenay railroad, arrived in this city on the Queen of the Pacific from San Francisco yesterday, accompanied by her two children.

Mr. V. C. Davis, of San Francisco, a well known business man who occasionally visits this city, is registered at the Oriental.

Mr. A. A. Adair, of Stratford, Ontario, is enjoying the sights and scenes of Victoria while temporarily sojourning at the Oriental.

Mrs. Jas. Cunningham and Mrs. Bunte, of New Westminster, left for their homes by this morning's boat.

J. J. Hobbs, of Spokane Falls, W. T., arrived in the city yesterday, on business and pleasure.

Geo. J. Mack and L. Labinam, of San Francisco, both travellers, are giving this city a visit.

The steamer Olympia brought over today, for Van Volkenburgh Bros., 476 sheep.

W. Jackson and family and Colin Stichel, of Portland, are at the Driard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Oppenheimer arrived on the steamer Yosemite this afternoon.

LOCAL NOTES.

The public examination of Craig school took place yesterday. Miss Stewart won the prize for being the best in deportment, and souvenirs were presented to the teacher, Mr. Marsden, and to Mrs. Marsden.

The late rains have greatly improved the appearance of the crops, especially roots and vegetables.

Church Notices.

Services will be conducted in Wesley Church to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7 p.m. by the pastor, Rev. M. Watson.

Baptist Church services will be held as usual in the Masonic hall building, morning and evening.

Rev. Mr. Gamble will preach in First Presbyterian Church morning and evening.

Services will be held in the Reformed Episcopal church, Humbolt street, at 11 and 7 o'clock.

The usual services, morning and evening, will be held to-morrow in the Cathedral and St. John's church Douglas street.

More Settlers.

In one district of the Province south of the Fraser river, twenty-seven settlers selected their land within one week lately. They are all well pleased with the location.

W. C. T. U. Officers Elected.

The following are the officers elected by the W.C.T.U. yesterday: Mrs. Pollard, sr., president; Miss Lazanby, vice-president; Mrs. G. Grant, secretary; Mrs. J.W. Grant, treasurer.

Police Court.

Three drunks were tried in the police court and assessed the usual figures.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 28th, 1884.

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CITIZENS CHECKMATED.

No Results from the Meeting Called for Last Night.

Nothing was accomplished at the citizens' meeting called at the City Hall last night, and from all that can be learned, several of those who represent the local government are glad of it. This impression would seem to be justified by the manner in which adjournment was made at the first session, for be it known there were two sessions.

The cause of the call of the meeting, as set forth by over one hundred business men to the City Council, was to consider the attitude of the Dominion Government towards the Province on various matters of vital importance.

Mayor Carey was prompt upon the scene about 7 o'clock. He was soon thereafter joined by Messrs. Shakespeare and Jessup. There were twenty-one people present, and Attorney Mills, after the Mayor had read the call, nominated Mr. Shakespeare, M. P., as Chairman, which motion was seconded by Coun. John Robertson. This organization was effected at about 7:15. The object of the meeting was asked. As few were yet present, and nobody very familiar with the topics in view for discussion, there was no response.

Mr. John Jessup speedily moved to adjourn, which adjournment was effected at about 7:20. By 7:30, as is stated, Mr. Shakespeare had appeared at Mr. Frank Campbell's bulletin board, and announced that there was no meeting, it "had adjourned."

In five minutes more about 200 people had gathered around the City Hall, and Mr. Campbell, learning this fact, erased the adjournment notice from the bulletin.

The 200 citizens found the door of the hall had been locked, and a good many of them were indignant. They finally gained entrance, and Mr. Jas. Peil, being elected Chairman, took charge of the meeting.

Coun. Boyd arose and stated that he did not like the snap manner in which the adjournment had been made. He denounced it as a scheme, a dodge to get rid of a session when some facts might come out which would no be pleasant to the ears of some of the others.

Chairman Peil joined Mr. Boyd. He thought any chairman ought to have allowed at least one half hour before calling the meeting to order. Most people had supposed it to be at a later hour. He said that Mr. Shakespeare was a sort of guest of the meeting, being an office holder, and it was not in his place to be manipulating things in this manner. He was there to give information as an official, and his mistake in thinking otherwise must be attributed to thoughtlessness. He proceeded to close with a few terse sentences about the Mayor.

The Mayor, who here made his appearance, said that "he had come here, because he expected some such remarks would be made about him." He then spoke in his own defense.

A motion to adjourn to 8 p.m. Friday, July 11th, was then put and carried, a good many present wearing smiles, but others denouncing the whole thing as "a scheme and a swindle," and vowing that the next meeting should be open and fair for the discussion of the many questions now agitating the people.

A singular feature in connection with all such public meetings held in this city for the past several months is, that scarcely any of them have resulted in any public good. The ends for which they have been called have not been reached, and although there is much interest in the meeting aforesaid, it would seem that there is danger of its resulting in the same way. The proper way to bring these matters before the public is in the public press. Access is obtainable for a free and thorough discussion, and corruption and fraud, or infringement upon the rights of the people, may thus have voice.

LAST NIGHT'S LECTURE.

A Great Throng of People Present to Hear Mrs. Foster.

The Methodist Church was filled to its utmost seating capacity last night, and quite a number were obliged to remain standing, in order to hear Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, the noted apostle of temperance, who is now visiting Victoria. The meeting was opened with the song, "Book of Ages," after which one of the lady members of the church—a sweet singer—sang an appropriate solo. Mrs. Pollard, the President of the W. C. T. U., then introduced the orator, who at once commenced a logical argument in favor of total abstinence.

HOW SHE LOOKS.

Those who have heard Miss Willard, recollect a mid, blue-eyed, pleasant-faced lady, of slight stature, brown hair and winsome manners, that, in the discussion of temperance questions, influenced the audience at once. Miss Willard never antagonized any one, but carried the listener along in an easy, irresistible manner, almost unknown to the prejudiced listener. This is not exactly Mrs. Foster's way. You see before you a strong, built, muscular woman, slightly over forty, with round features, black hair, and flashing eyes that grow wonderfully expressive as the speaker warms up with the importance of her subject. Then it is that she says things that some of her hearers will object too as being radical but before they know it she twists the argument into another shape, and perpetrates one of those witticisms that puts the entire audience in good humor again, and dispels the temporary feeling of antagonism entertained. Mrs. Foster differs from Miss Willard in another respect. Representing the religious aspect of the reform she does not shuffle to preach christianity about as much as she does temperance. Miss Willard rarely mentioned it, though all her remarks tended toward it, and when she did mention it, it was as the last thing to be done and said, the key to the area of argument builded. These are a few of the

POINTS IN CONTRAST

with these ambassadors of temperance in the great Mississippi Valley States. Mrs. Foster's argument is mainly that put forth in her own state (Iowa), during past campaigns. In that "banner Republican state" she has been a potential factor, as much so as has ex-Gov. St. John in temperance agitation in Kansas. Mrs. Foster's argument lasted fully two hours last night, and she was frequently interrupted by applause. At the close Rev. Mr. Watson announced that Mrs. Foster would pay a visit to New Westminster, and, returning here, would speak again at the Methodist church on Monday evening.

Olympian Passengers.

The steamer Olympian, which arrived here at three o'clock this afternoon from Seattle and Tacoma, brought the following passengers: O H Colour, M Pernwoodie, G M Francis, Mrs Wilson, C C Davis, F G Dooley, Mrs Ferguson, N H Hend., H P Marh, W C Allen and wife, P Morrison, wife and Son, W H Bonds and wife, J O Day, C C Fox, A L Maxwell and wife, Mrs Semple and daughter, Mc6., and two children, R Motley and six Chinese.

THE PARK REMIJIO.

Her Trip and Cargo from Sandwich Islands---New Coinage of Silver---Gold Withdrawn from Circulation---Finances Depressing---Bank Needed at Honolulu.

The bark Remijio, Capt. E. H. Howard, at high tide this morning came off from near the dead horse in Victoria harbor, where she was skilfully manoeuvred, and pulled up to Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf where she will shortly commence discharging her Honolulu cargo of 200 barrels of molasses and 10 tons of ingots of tin, the latter of which is to be reshipped to San Francisco. Capt. Howard reports that he was thirteen days in coming from Honolulu to the capes, and five from the latter to this port. En route to the capes the bark had fine breezes and fine weather generally, but the last four days were very stormy and bad, with easterly gales.

THE ISLAND FINANCES.

Capt. Howard says that the finances of the Sandwich Islands are in a very bad state at the present time, and there is a good deal of distrust manifested on all sides, and especially among resident business men. Ship masters cannot get a draft in Honolulu short of eight or ten per cent of as a tariff. About the only money they have is a silver piece of the coinage of 1883, turned out for the Hawaiian government at San Francisco. The coin is about the size of the American silver dollar, the die of which is good. On one side is a representation of the sovereign, encircling which is the inscription, "Kalakua I, King of Hawaii, 1883." On the other side is the national code of arms, and a

CLASSICAL HAWAIA MOTTO,

Which is no doubt a very patriotic sentiment to the denizens of these beautiful islands of the Pacific. The gold there has been withdrawn from circulation so that matters financial are now in a very precarious state. Public confidence is lacking, and the government authorities are now trying to overcome the various difficulties by getting reliable parties to join issue with them and establish a sort of National bank at Honolulu. To this end circulars have been issued by the Hawaiian government setting forth what and in what assistance may be expected from that quarter. As yet, however, nothing definite has been done to relieve the depressing state of affairs.

The Opera To-Night.

To-night has been specially set aside by the Italian Opera company for giving a fine entertainment at the Philharmonic Hall. Coronation day demands it, and, therefore, an exceptionally good programme may be expected to-night. Last evening everybody went away pleased. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, two more performances will be given. The operatic scenes of which will be from La Favorita and Il Barbiere de Seviglia, and during the first part on each evening ballads, in English, will be sung by Signor Govoni, Miglior Baldanza and Mr. W. H. Ramsay, Baeso Cantante, who has volunteered his services for these occasions. There will doubtless be a very large and appreciative audience to-night, as the entertainment will be first-class.

GENERAL NOTICES.

Majolica Ornaments at the London Bazar.

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HESPERIDES.

[Samuel V. Cole in The Critic.]

Sink, lovely Day, and fold thy wings of gold
Around the islands of the western seas,
The far-off, beautiful Hesperides;
For there the waves, by temperate winds controlled,
Sing to the shores forever. Sink and fold
Thy wings above their golden-fruited trees
And quiet gardens, and the sinless ease
Of them that grow no longer weak or old.

They that dwell there have borne Life's little pain;
They were as we are, but shall weep no more.
Fly, lovely Day, and drop below the main
Where waits for me a welcome at the door;
I follow when the Boatman comes again;
Soon shall I hear his keel grate on the shore.

NEW YORK'S NEGROES.

Devoid of Many of the Usual Characteristics of the Race.

["Uncle Bill" in Chicago Herald.]

The negro population of New York, by the way, is curiously devoid of those characteristics which are generally regarded as inseparable from the race. Sixth avenue is a street thronged by them, especially in the early evening, when they go out for promenade after their day's work is over. I watched this procession for an hour yesterday, and saw only two or three persons who answered tolerably as specimens of the plantation darkey. The blackness of pure Africanism shaded off in the faces to a yellowish white; the flat noses gradually became shapely and the thick lips proportionate; the shambling gate was scarce in the generally graceful walking, and the most numerously preserved popularity observable was extreme loquacity, in which the southern negro dialect was more or less retained. Imitativeness in the African leads him to copy the manners of the white people about him, and so you will find that New York negroes, even those who have been only for a few years in the city, have pretty thoroughly acquired New York attributes.

A curious fact is that for a quarter of a century they have largely occupied the middle ground between the business and the resident sections of the west side, always taking possession of those streets out of which vice has just been driven. The reason for this is simple. Whenever the authorities are by public sentiment compelled to drive flagrant immorality out of a certain street, the houses are left temporarily impaired in value, because fastidious persons will not live in them. The rentals are, therefore, cheapened, and negroes are accepted as occupants. Notorious Twenty-seventh street, lately cleaned up in deference to the exposures of police methods by the Roosevelt investigations, has already been filled with negro families.

There are quarters in New York peopled by foreign peasantry in their native costumes—communities of Poles, speaking their own language, and ruled entirely by their priests; Italians who reproduce the slums of Rome and Florence; Germans by the hundred thousand—jolly, thrifty, and beer-drinking after the unimpaired manner of the Fatherland; but the negroes do not preserve much distinctiveness beyond that which nature has immovably fixed in them. They live as nearly like fashionable white folks as they can. They do not even stick to the employments which used to be considered their own. Negro coachmen, barbers, and house-servants are comparatively scarce here. Our coachmen are English and Irish, as a rule; our barbers are German and Italian; our servants are Irish, German, Norwegian, Swedish and French. Only as cooks are negroes much liked in New York households. They are scattered through all kinds of work. The women do a great deal of laundrying in their homes, but there is no industry that can now be said to belong distinctively to the men. No; the African is holding his own in the metropolis far less than any other race-marked resident. And his color! A glance at any multitude of him shows how fast he is losing that.

Swinburne's Fit.

[Lorna Doone in Chicago Herald.]

Swinburne, the poet who sang of the languors and lilies of virtues, the raptures and roses of vice, was at one time an assiduous reader in the reading room of the British museum. This unhappy little man, scarcely more than a dwarf in stature, and with big, swollen, grotesque head and blinking whitelashed eyes, was subject to epileptic fits. One day, standing upon a stepladder and reaching up to a high shelf, his disorder suddenly seized him. He fell foaming at the mouth to the floor, with terrible confusion of overturned steps and only half-suppressed cries of observers. Naturally, a crowd gathered around the sufferer and a physician was soon in attendance. After a time the poet came to his senses, opene his eyes, sat up and glared about him.

Then proceeded from that poetic mouth such an avalanche of profanity, such a chaos of blasphemy and vile objurgation for everybody and the mothers of everybody who stood about and had seen him in this situation, as few could never portray. Oaths loud and deep enough to scuttle 10,000 souls, if souls were thus to be scuttled, came from those pinched and pale lips till everybody shrank back from the scene in horror, and "Swinburne's fit" from that day forth became one of the horrible traditions of the place.

Wild Camels in America.

[Ernest Ingersoll in The Current.]

Utterly wild camels may be seen on the deserts at the head of the gulf of California, where they find a congenial home and multiply steadily. These are a remnant of a herd which many years ago was imported by the government to act as beasts of burden for the army in New Mexico and Arizona. They served the purpose well, but were finally dispensed with, it is said, through the demands of the drivers of pack-trains of mules and donkeys, whose beasts were frightened into stampeding by the sight and smell of the foreign strangers. The camels were subsequently used by miners in carrying ore, etc., in California and Arizona; but a few years ago they were turned loose on the banks of the Rio Colorado, where they are fast becoming naturalized.

A Good Excuse.

[Texas Siftings.]

John Lostwick is an Austin citizen of a convivial turn of mind. Not long since he came home from a banquet at a very late hour.

"Were you not the last one to leave?" asked his wife.

"Yesh, I wash the lasht one to leave," admitted the wretched man.

"It's a shame and a disgrace that you are always the last one to go home," responded the exasperated wife.

"Tain't my fault," responded the unhappy man, "that all the resht of the guesth leavsh before I do. I can't make 'em sthay, can I?"

A Cowboy's Pastime.

[California Letter.]

A favorite pastime of the cowboys is to saddle a half-broken mustang, and after inserting a half dollar in each stirrup, some expert rider will mount and back himself to keep the coins their for five or ten minutes, the horse being incited meanwhile to do his worst in the way of rearing, bucking and jumping.

Coffee the Only One.

[Exchange.]

In a paper read before the Society of Public Analysts in England, Dr. Wallace said that of all the stimulants used by the people of England, including alcoholic beverages, tobacco, coffee and cocoa, coffee was the only one the consumption of which has decreased in recent years.

For the Boys at Home.

[Golden Rule.]

This is the summing up of a vast deal of homely wisdom. Do you love any work? Is there anything that if you were independent, you would do before anything else? If there is—do that. There is your success; that way lies all the money, the rewards, the respect of others, and all the real honest happiness you will ever find. Boys make a mistake in thinking that only the lawyers and doctors and merchants succeed. It is a terrible blunder to leave a trade in which you may make a first-class workman, and have a chance to win a home, comfort and independence, to go into a profession you do not love. There is only one end to the road—a life of ill-paid drudgery and failure after all.

Look at yourself; you are to yourself the most important personage in the world. Find out what sort of a man you have in the little. What is your body good for? What sort of a mind have you received? Look at your tools—your hands, your senses, your brain. What will they do best—make shoes or preach a sermon? Choose now according to your tools, according to your love of your work. Shoemaking may lead to a great fortune, while preaching may bring you to the "Home for Decayed Parsons." On the other hand, preaching may be the thing. There is only one fellow can decide this for you, and he lives in your house.

The Wealth of Dried Grass.

[George Alfred Townsend.]

I was talking to an agricultural implement builder during the week who has been, in the midst of the apparent decline of things, extending his works. Said I: "On what principle do you expand your business?" "Upon the increase in the hay crop," said he. "Hay is worth, on the average, probably $10 a ton, and we make, say, 50,000,000 tons of hay per annum." "Heavens!" said I, "that amounts to $500,000,000." "Of course it does," and the builder; "but you must recollect that hay is probably the second crop of importance in this country—corn, I suppose, being the first. You can always get rid of your hay, because you can feed it into beef, and the beef can be exported if the wheat cannot. My machinery not only cuts the hay and keeps it turning after it is cut, so that it can speedily dry, but it stacks it at the rate of a ton a minute, the gathering machines carrying the hay to a platform apparatus up which it is carried and put in the stack. In some portions of this country hay commands only $3 a ton, but I think it will average $10 a ton all around, and there is none too much of it. New York state leads in the hay crop, and Pennsylvania comes next."

A Celestial Tramp.

[New York Times.]

The Chinaman in New York is never out at the elbows. He usually wears a staid and contented expression of countenance, as though he were on the best of terms with the current coin of the country. But last evening one was observed walking along Sixth avenue, in the midst of the snow and rain, who had lost all sleekness except that which the storm had given him by saturating his clothing. His was ragged and absolutely forlorn. He was walking on the uppers of his sandals, and covered his hands carefully in the tattered folds of his sleeves. But it was not for long. A liquor store confronted him and on his right flank there was a row of kegs. He eyed them wistfully for a moment and then glided across the slippery pavement toward them. He drew one of his hands from his sleeves, and with it came an old tomato-can. He tipped a keg in the most approved fashion, received the dregs in his can, and stole into the area of a house in an adjoining street and regaled himself in peace. He was a Chinese tramp, but he had fallen deep into the wicked ways of his American brother.

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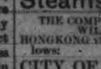

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